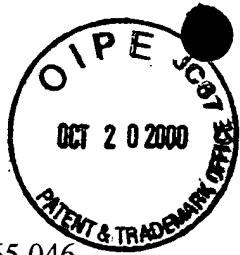


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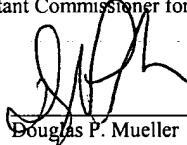
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 17, 2000, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

**In the Claims**

*Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter involved.*

Please amend claims 12, 15, 16 and 18 as follows:

*In Claim 12, line 1, please delete "Claim 11" and insert --Claim 16--.*

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